

The Stuyvesant Student Union Constitution

- I. Elected Officials: Ten elected officials will represent the Stuyvesant student body in the Student Union. All elected officials may not partake in the highest form of leadership positions in the following large student-run organizations, which include the Stuyvesant Spectator, the Big Sibs, the ARISTA Honor Society, the Stuyvesant Indicator and the Stuyvesant Theatre Community. The rules governing all elections shall be governed by the Stuyvesant Board of Elections (BOE) and the BOE Rules and Regulations. The titles and responsibilities of elected officials follow:
 - A. Student Union President
 1. Shall be a rising senior elected by a popular vote in the Spring Term and take office on the last day of the administering of Regents exams in June.
 2. Shall be titled President Elect between their election and their assuming office, and shall have the opportunity to shadow the incumbent President and Vice President.
 3. Shall serve as the head of the Stuyvesant Student Union.
 4. Shall be the chief representative for the student body.
 5. Shall assume responsibility and oversee all Student Union activities/events.
 6. Shall serve on the School Leadership Team.
 7. Shall appoint the Executive Council and constitutionally outlined cabinet positions.
 8. Shall reserve the power to create and terminate temporary cabinet positions when deemed necessary, with the condition that these positions cannot vote in the Cabinet or Budget Committee without a constitutional amendment.
 9. Shall veto or sign resolutions, charters, amendments, or allocations passed by the Cabinet or the Budget Committee.
 10. Shall serve as a vetoing member of the Budget Committee.
 11. Shall assemble and facilitate meetings of the Cabinet.
 12. Shall submit an agenda, detailed minutes and a summary of all SU meetings to be publicly posted on the Student Union website within a week of the meeting.
 13. Shall serve as Student Union President until the winners of the new election assume office.
 - B. Student Union Vice President
 1. Shall be a rising junior elected on the same ticket as the Student Union President by popular vote in an election held in the Spring Term and take office on the last day of the administering of Regents exams in June.
 2. Shall be titled Vice President Elect between their election and their assuming office, and shall have the opportunity to shadow the incumbent President and Vice President.
 3. Shall assist the Student Union President in fulfilling and exercising all of the aforementioned duties and responsibilities.
 4. Shall serve as a voting member on both the Cabinet and the Budget Committee.
 5. Shall serve on the School Leadership Team.

6. Shall fulfill the responsibilities of the Student Union President in the absence or removal of the President from office.
7. Shall serve as Student Union Vice President until the winners of the new election assume office.

C. Freshman Caucus Co-Presidents or President and Vice President

1. Shall be elected as either Co-Presidents or as President and Vice President in the Fall Term by popular class-wide vote, and take office on the day following the election. The decision to be Co-Presidents or President and Vice President shall be made on the affidavit submitted to the BOE prior to the election.
2. Shall represent the views of the Freshman class in all inter-Student Union discussions, and the consensus view of the Student Union in all intra-school meetings.
3. Shall lead the grade in special projects that the grade wishes to undertake for its own or the school's benefit.
4. Shall promote spirit, unity, and activity within the grade.
5. Shall serve as voting members in both the Cabinet and the Budget Committee.
6. Shall be elected in the Fall Term by a popular class-wide vote and take office on the day following elections.
7. Shall serve until the first day of the administering of Regents exams in June.
8. Shall propose a system of organizing and distributing information to the Freshman class to be approved by the Student Union President. If no such system has been approved, an Advisory Council consisting of representatives from each homeroom ("Homeroom Leaders") must be formed.

D. Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Caucus Co-Presidents or President and Vice President

1. Shall be elected as either Co-Presidents or as President and Vice President in the Spring Term by popular class-wide vote, and shall take office on the last day of the administering of Regents exams in June. The decision to be Co-Presidents or President and Vice President shall be made on the affidavit submitted to the BOE prior to the election.
2. Shall be titled President Elect, Vice President Elect, or Co-President Elect between their election and their assuming office, and shall have the opportunity to shadow the incumbent President, Vice President, or Co-Presidents.
3. Shall represent the views of each respective class in all inter-Student Union discussions, and the consensus view of the Student Union in all intra-school meetings.
4. Shall lead the grade in special projects that the grade wishes to undertake for its own or the school's benefit.
5. Shall promote spirit, unity, and activity within the grade.
6. Shall serve as voting members in both the Cabinet and the Budget Committee.
7. Shall serve as Co-Presidents until the first day of the administering of Regents exams in June.
8. Shall propose a system of organizing and distributing information to their respective classes to be approved by the Student Union President. If no such

system has been approved, an Advisory Council consisting of representatives from each homeroom ("Homeroom Leaders") must be formed.

- II. Executive Council: The Executive Council will serve as an advisory group to the Student Union President and Vice President. The Executive Council must consist of the President, Vice President, and three or more members, with a requirement for one Chief of Staff, one Deputy Chief of Staff, and one Chief Auditing Officer. Other positions may be created and terminated by the Student Union President and Vice President. All positions must have their titles and job descriptions accessible on the Student Union website or in-person at all times. All members of the Executive Council will also serve as voting members on the Cabinet.
- III. Cabinet: The Cabinet will be the legislative and decision-making body of the Student Union. It must consist of at least one Chief Financial Officer, one School Leadership Team (SLT) Representative, at least one Clubs & Pubs Director, the members of the Executive Council, and each of the Caucus Leadership. Other positions may be created and terminated by the Student Union President and Vice President. All positions must have their titles and job descriptions accessible on the Student Union website or in-person at all times.

A. Meetings

- 1. The Cabinet will once a month with a gap of at least three weeks between consecutive meetings.
- 2. All meetings will be chaired by the Student Union President. In the absence of the President, the Vice President will chair the meeting.
- 3. Meeting dates, times, and locations must be made publically accessible to Stuyvesant students at least a week in advance.
- 4. Meetings will be open to all students wishing to attend. Observers may speak at the beginning of each meeting at the discretion of the Chair.
- 5. Each meeting will deal with any and all Student Union matters that are not direct financial allocations. These include the passage and amendment of all resolutions, charters, the Constitution, and the Impeachment Protocols.

B. Voting

- 1. Each of the aforementioned (Bullet III) mandatory members of the Cabinet will have a single vote, except for the Student Union President. The remaining three voting members must be selected by the Student Union President and Vice President.
 - 2. The Student Union President will be a non-voting member with veto power. A Presidential veto may be overridden by the Cabinet with a $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority vote.
 - 3. Voting may only occur at meetings where at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Cabinet voting members are present.
 - 4. The Cabinet may vote only after language is constructed and recorded which describes the meaning of the measure proposed.
 - 5. The Student Union will adopt all resolutions, charters, or amendments passed by the Cabinet with a $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority vote of voting members present at the meeting. If the President is vetoing, they must announce so before the resolution is signed.
- IV. Budget Committee: The Budget Committee will be the financial body of the Student Union. It must consist of at least one Chief Financial Officer, all members of Student Union Budget

Department(s), the members of the Executive Council, and each of the caucus leadership. Other positions may be created and terminated by the Student Union President and Vice President. All positions must have their titles and job descriptions accessible on the Student Union website or in-person at all times.

A. Meetings

1. The Budget Committee will convene at the discretion of the Student Union President.
2. The Budget Committee will deal with any and all financial allocations.
3. All meetings will be chaired by the Student Union President. In the absence of the President, the Vice President will chair the meeting.
4. Meetings will be closed to the public.

B. Voting

1. Every member of the Budget Committee will have a single vote.
2. The Student Union President and Chief Financial Officer(s) will have veto power. A Presidential veto may be overridden by the Budget Committee with a $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority vote.
3. Voting may only occur at meetings where at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Budget Committee members are present.
4. The Budget Committee may vote only after language is constructed and recorded which describes the meaning of the measure proposed.
5. If a voting member of the Budget Committee has a conflict of interest with a club/publication requesting for funding, the voter must recuse themselves from the vote.
6. The Student Union will adopt all resolutions, charters, or allocations passed by the Cabinet with a $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority vote of voting members present at the meeting. If the President is vetoing, they must announce so before the resolution is signed.

- V. Stuyvesant Student's Forum: A committee comprised of various large student organizations that will discuss major issues affecting the student body. It must consist of the Student Union President and Vice President, the Spectator Editors-In-Chief, the Indicator Editors-In-Chief, two of the Big Sib Chair(s), and any other delegates from StuyActivities organizations appointed by the Student Union President.

A. Meetings

1. The Student Forum will meet at the discretion of the Student Union President
2. All meetings will be chaired by the Student Union President. In the absence of the President, the Vice President will chair the meeting.
3. Meeting dates, times, and locations must be made publically accessible to Stuyvesant students at least a week in advance.
4. Meetings will be open to all students wishing to attend. Observers may speak at the beginning of each meeting at the discretion of the Chair.
5. Each meeting will deal with any and all Student Union matters that affect student organization and student life.

B. Voting

1. Each of the members of the Student Forum will have a single vote.
2. The Student Union President will have veto power.
3. Voting may only occur at meetings where at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Student Forum voting members are present.
4. The Student Forum may vote only after language is constructed and recorded which describes the meaning of the measure proposed.
5. The Student Union will adopt all resolutions, charters, or amendments passed by the Student with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of voting members present at the meeting. If the President is vetoing, they must announce so before the resolution is signed.

VI. Impeachment Protocols: The Cabinet may vote on the removal from office of any Student Union official, elected or appointed. Removal from office specifically means the complete and total relief of duties and the title of any Student Union official. The removed person will be barred from being a part of the Student Union until the ban is lifted by both the Coordinator of Student Affairs and the Principal.

A. Motion for Impeachment

1. The official in question must have demonstrated a clear lack of dedication or ability.
 - a) Such a demonstration may be in the form of a lacking attendance rate at meetings, failure to attend major responsibilities, or lack of discretion and ability in handling Student Union matters.
2. A member of the Cabinet must make a motion to "Question" for a removal from office.
 - a) This motion must be seconded and a vote must be held. If a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority and the COSA votes in favor of Questioning, the procedures outlined in Section 2 will take effect.

B. Impeachment Trial

1. A Questioning hearing is a formal discussion preceding the removal of a Student Union official that all Cabinet members must attend and may be open public attendance.
2. At the outset of a Questioning hearing, any member of the Cabinet at the meeting may present reasons for the removal. Following this discussion, the official in Question will answer the reasons previously laid out.
3. At that point, any member of the Committee may make a motion to remove from office or close the Questioning.
 - a) If no motion is made, then discussion will continue until such a motion is made.
 - b) If a motion is made to close Questioning, it must be seconded in order to vote to close. If it is seconded, then a simple majority vote will close Questioning.
 - c) If a motion for removal is made and seconded, a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority must vote in favor in order to remove an SU official. There will be no Presidential override of a vote to remove.

- VII. Infractions: Officials may be relieved of their duties upon the incurment of three infractions by the Student Union President without a Cabinet vote.
- A. Infractions can occur by:
 - 1. Failure to attend a Budget Committee or Cabinet meeting.
 - 2. Failure to carry out the responsibilities designated during a shift.
 - 3. Failure to meet deadlines given at least three day's notice.
 - B. Infractions will be given unless written notification with a valid excuse is given at least two days in advance. The validity of the excuse will be determined by the Coordinator of Student Affairs.
- VIII. New Officials
- A. In case of the removal or resignation of the Student Union President:
 - 1. The Student Union Vice President will fill the position and nominate another member of the student body to become the Student Union Vice President. The nomination has to be approved by $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority of the Cabinet.
 - B. In case of the removal or resignation of the Student Union Vice President:
 - 1. The Student Union President will nominate another member of the student body to become the Student Union Vice President. The nomination has to be approved by $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority of the Cabinet.
 - C. In the case of the removal or resignation of a Caucus President or Co-President
 - 1. The Caucus Vice President or Co-President will fill the position and nominate another member of the class to become the Caucus Co-President or Vice President. The nomination has to be approved by the Cabinet and Coordinator of Student Affairs.
 - D. In the case of the removal or resignation of a Caucus Vice President
 - 1. The Caucus President will nominate another member of the appropriate grade to become the Caucus Vice President. The nomination has to be approved by the Coordinator of Student Affairs.
 - E. In the case of the removal or resignation of an appointed officials outlined by the Constitution
 - 1. The Student Union President will nominate another student to fill this position.
- IX. Amending the Constitution
- A. All post-passage amendments must be presented to the Cabinet by members. The Constitution will only be amended with a $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority of the Cabinet. There will be no Presidential vetoes of any Constitutional amendments.
- X. Implementing the Constitution
- A. In order to implement this Constitution: It must be approved by a $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority of the Cabinet. The Student Union President must approve it. All existing Student Union documents with language contradictory to this Constitution will be considered null and void until the Cabinet amends, with a simple majority, the contradictory elements of such documents.